Smuggling of contraband

2579. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:
SHRI IQBAL SINGH:

WiU the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of major contrabands seized during 1990 to 1998;

(b) pe:song prosecuted under COFEPOSA; and

(c) steps taken to check smuggl- ling of contrabands?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY); (a) and (b). Details of major contrabands seized under the Customs Act 1962 during 1990 to 1993 are given below:

Details of contrabands	1990 (Value in Rs. lakhs)	1991 (Value in Rs. lakhs)	1992 (Value in Rs. lakhs)	1993 (upto July, 93) (Value in Rs. lakhs)
Gold	19235	19302	12645	2300
Silver	14956	13320	13125	2300
Electronic goods	2945	5625	2572	2220
Foreign Currency	339	1324	1352	921
Dangerous drugs	2513	2189	2099	500
Synthetic fabric	528	277	310	91
Vehicles/Vessels	16989	17888	5421	347

Namber of a under COFE'OS \ Act, 1974 are as follows :

Year	No. of persons detained
1990	749
1991	751
1992	428
1993 (upto June, 1993)	132

(c) Anti-smuggling agencies are alert against smuggling activities Customs formations have been equipped with vessels, vehicles, fire arms etc. and the requirements are constantly reviewed. Equipments such as baggage X-ray machines, metal detectors and night vision binoculars are being increasingly utilised. Close co-ordination is being maintained among all the agencies concerned in the detecnon and prevention of smuggling.

liberalisation of trade

. 2580; SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:
SHRI IQBAL SINGH;

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Finance Minister has communtcpted to the World Bank that Government will further libera; Use Trade and Investment;

(b) if so_ whether the reform pro cesp will be extended to other important sectors of our economy such as Agriculture, Power, etc., and

(n) if so, what are the details of reforms that will be mad"?

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